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town



SUDDENLY TARRS' HORSE STUMBLES...



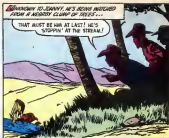
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**BATTER, FIFTY DAYS ON THE HIGH STREET OF DEER CREEK...**







**BETTER DIRT BUCKING IN THE LITTLE TOWN OF STORCHUCK...**









I'M MAKING YOU MARSHAL OF THE TOWN! YOU'RE TO GET JOHNSON TO COME ON YOU! HE'S NOT AFRAID, BUT YOU'RE FASTER, AND YOU'LL BE DOING IT AS THE LAW!



**BUT JENNY TRIES SOMETHING BY SURPRISE...**

THE LAST WILD MARSHAL  
THAT STYLES SENT OUT...

OW!

CRACK!

WHY, YOU  
TWO-LEGGED  
CHORE ...

HELD ON, SAM! I'M A MARSHAL  
ALL RIGHT, BUT NOT  
A STYLES MAN!

MY NAME'S BROWN! I'M A S.W.  
DEPUTY MARSHAL! THIS OTHER  
BARGE IS JUST A COVER! I'VE COME  
TO YOU FOR HELP!

WELL, I'LL BE FAD-BURNED! I MIGHT  
HAVE KNOWN HOW IF STYLES' MAN  
WOULD BE THAT BLUCK! GET DOWN,  
BOY! LET'S TALK!

**SIXTY FIVE MINUTES LATER...**

...AND WITH STYLES THINKING  
I'M TAKING, HE WANTS ME TO GET YOU  
IN A FIGHT SO I CAN SHOOT YOU,  
LEGAL-LIKE! NOW HE'S SAYING  
YOU CAN HELP ME TRAP STYLES!

FINE BARN, SON!  
BUT NOT AT ME,  
HIND YOU!

THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M AFRAID I'M GONNA  
TO HAVE TO DO, MR. JOHNSON! LISTEN  
CAREFULLY...







NICE JOB, MARSHAL! NOW MAYBE WE CAN HAVE SOME 'LEW AND ORDER AROUND HERE! ...HA! HA!

LET'S GET OFF THE STREET!



IN SPIDER  
OOOZE...

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DID IT SO FAST... GETTING 'EM IN TOWN AND DEPART' (IN YOU LAD) THAT!

IT WAS EASY! WHAT'S NEXT?



BEFORE THE WORD SPREADS TOO FAST TO SAM'S FOLLOWERS, WE'VE GOT TO STERILIZE AND STERILIZE FAST! WE'LL HIT SAM'S DANCE TONIGHT AND DRIVE OFF EVERYTHING AS AN EXAMPLE TO THE OTHERS!



AFTER TONIGHT, THIS TOWN'S GOING TO BE THE OUTLAW'S SHOPS, AND WE GET A CUT OF EVERYTHING THAT COMES IN HERE FOR PROTECTION!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!



I'LL BE WITH YOU AS SOON AS I EAT!

AFTER DARK, MEET US DOWN AT THE TOWN STABLE!















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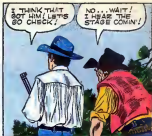


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IN THE  
PHANTOM  
SURPRISE

AS JOHNNY MACK BROWN RIFES THROUGH HIGH LONELY COUNTRY ON HIS WAY TO THE TOWN OF INDIAN CREEK, HIS MOVEMENTS ARE WATCHED THROUGH A PAIR OF BINOCULARS.









THAT'S ALL RIGHT!  
JUST GET ME DIRECTLY  
TO THE SHERIFF!



GET THE SHERIFF QUICK!  
THERE'S BEEN A SHOOTING! MAN'S  
BEEN KILLED!



SHERIFF! A U.S. MARSHAL'S  
BEEN KILLED! HE'S UP  
HERE IN THE BOX!



GUESS THAT CLINCHES IT!  
SWITCH WILL BE GLAD TO  
HEAR THIS!







BE GLAD TO HELP, JOHNNY! BUT WHAT CAN I DO?

GO THROUGH THE BOOT HILL CEREMONIES JUST LIKE NOTHING WAS WRONG! I'VE GOT A STRONG HUNCH THE BUSHWHACKER WILL BE SHOWING UP!

AND I'M GOING TO BE THERE IN DISGUISE!



SHERIFF, YOU AND MACK ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT KNOW THIS SECRET! AND I DON'T WANT IT TO GO ANY FARTHER!



LATER, AT BOOT HILL...

SO WE ARE ALL GATHERED HERE TO PAY OUR FINAL RESPECTS TO ONE OF THE GREATEST LAWYERS THE WEST HAS EVER KNOWN!



WHEN! THIS BEARD'S HOT— AND SO FAR NO FAMILIAR FACES! WAIT... THAT MAN! I KNOW HIM! IT'S SWITCH CONNERS! HE'S GROWN A MUSTACHE!



I SENT HIM TO PRISON SEVEN YEARS AGO! THIS IS WORTH LOOKING INTO!

HMMM! BROWN SEEMS INTERESTED IN MR. MALONE!



AFTER THE 'CEREMONY' JOHNNY FOLLOWS  
SWITCH TO TOWN...



LATER THAT EVENING...

OUR WAIT SAID OFF, REBEL / HE'S HEADING OUT OF TOWN / WE'LL FOLLOW AT A DISTANCE SO HE WON'T SEE US!



JOHNNY TRAILS SWITCH TO A LONELY CABIN IN THE WOODS...

SURE IS AN OUT-OF-THE-WAY PLACE TO BE VISITING THIS TIME OF NIGHT!



MAYBE I CAN MAKE A CLOSER CHECK!



THIS IS IT, BLACKIE / THE TELEGRAM WE'VE WAITED NEARLY A YEAR FOR / THE ~~WANT~~ SHIPMENT!

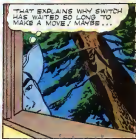
GOOD / THEN WE'LL USE OUR ORIGINAL PLAN!



RIGHT! THE MONEY'LL BE ONLY IN OUR BANK VAULT OVERNIGHT, SO WE'LL HAVE TO WORK FAST!



THAT EXPLAINS WHY SWITCH HAS WAITED SO LONG TO MAKE A MOVE / MAYBE...



BLACKIE, YOU HAVE  
THE SICKLE  
READY AT THE ...  
NO! IT CAN'T BE!



FOR AN INSTANT, JOHNNY REVEALS  
HIMSELF AT THE WINDOW...



IT'S JOHNNY MACK  
BROWN! GET HIM!



HURRY, YOU  
DIDIT! HE'S  
ALIVE!

BUT HOW  
COULD  
HE BE!



SURE YOU WERENT  
SEEN' THINGS,  
SWITCH?



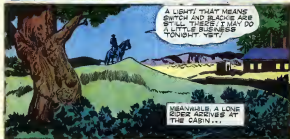
I TELL YOU I SAW  
JOHNNY MACK  
BROWN OUTSIDE  
THAT WINDOW!

BUT WE SAW HIM  
BURIED YESTERDAY!  
REMEMBER? GET  
HOLD OF YOURSELF!





A FEW MINUTES LATER...



HMM! THE SHIPMENT IS TOMORROW!  
THAT'S TIME ENOUGH TO GET A  
LITTLE TRAP!



BUT 'EM UP,  
MARSHAL?



MACK!  
WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING  
HERE?

LOOKIN' FOR SWITCH  
CONNERS — I MEAN —  
MR. MALONE, BUT NOW IT  
LOOKS LIKE I'M GONNA  
HAVE TO DO WHAT HE  
MISSED DOIN'!



WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN BY  
THAT?

I'M CUTTIN' MYSELF  
IN ON WHATEVER  
DEAL HE'S GOT AT  
THE BANK — BY  
TIPPIN' HIM OFF  
'BOUT YOU AND THE  
SHERIFF BEIN' WISE TO HM!



YOU'RE MAKING  
A MISTAKE!  
HE'LL NEVER  
BET YOU EN! YOU  
DON'T KNOW HIM  
LIKE I DO!

WRONG! WITH YOU  
OUT OF THE WAY,  
AND WITH WHAT I  
KNOW, I CAN BE  
WORTH PLENTY  
TO HIM.



I REALLY GOT NOTHIN'  
PERSONAL AGAINST YOU,  
MARSHAL, BUT YOU'RE THE  
ONLY ONE STANDIN' IN THE  
WAY OF ME MAKIN' A HEAP  
OF DOUGH!



“I'D NEVER HAVE FIGURED YOU TO DO  
SOMETHING LIKE THIS, MACK, BUT...”



SUDDENLY, JOHNNY'S HAND  
MOVES TOWARD THE LAMP...



...AND THE ROOM IS PLUNGED INTO  
DARKNESS.



“I'M AFRAID I MISSED HIM. I'VE GOTTA  
GET OUT OF HERE  
QUICK!”





WHOA! YOU  
DEVIL! WHOA!



GOOD BOY,  
REFEL!



THAT'S FAR  
ENOUGH, MACK!



NOW YOU'RE GOING INTO  
HIDING FOR A WHILE!



BEFORE LONG JOHNNY ARRIVES  
AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ...

JOHNNY! WHAT'S  
HAPPENED?  
WHO IS THAT?

CAUGHT US A SIDE-  
WINDER SHERIFF!  
MACK WAS GOING  
TO SPILL THE BEANS  
TO SWITCH!



WHERE'D  
YOU CATCH  
HIM?

TRYING TO MAKE  
CONTACT WITH  
SWITCH AT THE  
HIDEOUT! HERE,  
READ THIS! I'LL  
EXPLAIN A LOT!



A US MINT  
SHIPMENT  
TOMORROW!  
YOU MEAN...

RIGHT! SWITCH IS  
PLANNING TO LIFT IT  
WITHIN THE NEXT 48  
HOURS! MAKE SURE  
THIS MINT IS  
LOCKED UP TIGHT!



RIGHT!  
BUT HOW  
DO YOU  
PLAN TO  
STOP THE  
ROBBERY?

YOU HIDE IN THE  
BANK TOMORROW—  
AND STAY THERE  
TILL I ARRIVE!  
NO MATTER HOW  
LATE! I'LL TAKE  
CARE OF THE REST!



LATE THE NEXT AFTERNOON, THE MINT  
SHIPMENT ARRIVES AT THE BANK ...

FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND  
DOLLARS WORRIES ME...  
MR. WITHERS!

DORR-YOOCK! OUR VAULT  
IS THE BEST THIS SIDE  
OF THE Pecos! THAT'S WHY  
THEY'VE SENT THE CURRENCY  
TO OUR BANK FOR FURTHER  
DISTRIBUTION!

THAT  
'SWITCH'  
IS A COOL  
HOMIE!



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